

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT**

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Re: Case No. 11-2328, *USA v. DTE Energy, et al*  
Originating Case No. : 10-13101

Dear Counsel,

The briefing schedule for this case is listed below. The briefs must be filed electronically with the Clerk's office no later than these dates. If the appellant's principal brief is filed late, the case is at risk of being dismissed for want of prosecution.

For most appeals, the Court will access directly the electronic record in the district court. Include, in an addendum in the principal brief, a designation of relevant district court documents, identifying each document by record entry number and a succinct description.

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Appellant's Principal Brief  
Appendix (if required by 6th Cir.  
R. 30(a))

Filed electronically by **January 18, 2012**

Appellee's Principal Brief  
Appendix (if required by 6th Cir.  
R. 30(a) and (c)(2))

Filed electronically by **February 21, 2012**

Appellant's Reply Brief  
(Optional Brief)

Filed electronically **17 days after**  
the appellee's brief. See Fed. R. App. P. 26(c)

A party desiring oral argument must include a statement in the brief setting forth the reason(s) why oral argument should be heard. *See* 6th Cir. R. 34(a). If the docket entry for your brief indicates that you have requested oral argument but the statement itself is missing, you will be directed to file a corrected brief.

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Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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- \_\_\_ Corporate Disclosure Form
- \_\_\_ Table of Contents
- \_\_\_ Table of Authorities with page references (with cases alphabetically arranged, statutes and other authorities)
- \_\_\_ **Statement in support of oral argument** (if there is no statement, argument is waived)
- \_\_\_ \*\*\*\*Page limitation, word or line count begins here. See Fed. R. App. P 32(a)(7)
- \_\_\_ Jurisdictional statement
- \_\_\_ Statement of issues
- \_\_\_ Statement of the case
- \_\_\_ Statement of facts **with references to record** (and appendix for any relevant pleadings not available ECF)

References to lower court, agency record or appendix if one is required must be clear. Abbreviations may be used such as R or RE for district court record entry number on docket or TR for transcript or AR for administrative record. **The word "Doc" or "DE" is not an acceptable description.** Examples:

RE #21, Appellant's Motion for Summary Judgment, pp. 2-5  
RE #53, Plaintiff's Trial Testimony, p. 1  
R. No. 44, Plea Agreement  
R. No. 27, TR. Jury Trial 12/5/03, pp. 77 - 85  
A.R. at pp. 190-191  
RE. 33: Trial Tr. 8/30/04 at pp. 7, 89, 112-113

Summary of argument

Argument **with references to record and citations to case law, statutes and other authorities**

Standard of review (for each issue which may appear in discussion of each issue or under separate heading placed before discussion of issues)

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